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Touch a piece of Canadian hockey history

TORONTO Hockey fans can now touch the puck Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby used to score his golden goal at the Vancouver Olympics.


Crosby

Paul Henderson, who scored the winner in the 1972 Summit Series, was the first to officially put a finger on the piece of rubber after the display was opened at the Hockey Hall of Fame yesterday in Toronto.

Crosby's puck has been at the Hall since March and will be available for the public to touch through the summer.

The puck made its way to the Hockey Hall of Fame after Crosby beat Ryan Miller to give Canada a 3-2 win over the U.S. in the Olympic gold-medal game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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After the blaze


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Firefighter Stephen Drake from Sheet Harbour looks for hotspots yesterday after Tuesday's fire in the Middle Porters Lake area. An open-air burning ban is still in effect for the entire HRM. Story, page 3.

Riot not major: Officials

Prison director, union say Burnside jail running smoothly

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The man in charge of jails says this week's riot in Burnside was not a major incident and, in a rare agreement, both operators and the union say the prison is functioning well.

Tuesday night's flare-up involving 17 men trashing a common room at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility was not as serious as a riot that took place in April 2009, said executive director of corrections David Horner.

Last year's event involved 59 prisoners refusing to return to their cells, lighting fires and destroying property. Eight inmates were eventually charged and the damage was pegged at $30,000.

Horner said things have gotten steadily better at Burnside.

"There's certainly nothing wrong with the jail. We have made substantive improvements over the last couple years," he said.

Those changes include increased training and bringing in at least 28 new staff members, he said.

"Every correctional facility has challenges. Offender populations are offender populations, it's as simple as that," said Horner.

In recent years the union and government have clashed over training, equipment, staffing levels and overcrowding of prisoners at Burnside. But yesterday Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union president Joan Jessome seconded many of Horner's views.

"I agree, I think we've come along way at (Burnside) although there's still work refusals and there's still issues with safety and always will be with corrections," said Jessome.

She cited more training and equipment as signs of improvement. But she said there are concerns about inmates not getting charged for assaults on staff members.

Jessome said "everything worked" in containing the riot and it was efficiently resolved. However, she said future riots are likely inevitable.

"It can happen. It can happen on a regular basis," she said.

There have been other issues at the jail. In January 2009, a man died in what was deemed a homicide. This year, another man took his own life, leaving his family asking how that was able to happen.

More inside

• Cause of riot still unclear. See page 4.

Stabbed trucker lay overnight in Dartmouth parking lot, police say

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ATTACK Police are waiting to speak to a man who was stabbed multiple times and left overnight in the parking lot of a Dartmouth mall.

Police believe the 40-year-old victim pulled his 18-wheeler into the Penhorn Mall parking lot at around 11:30 p.m. Tuesday.

He was found almost 12 hours later in the cab of his vehicle suffering from multiple stab wounds.

The man was transported to hospital and the injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

"Obviously he wasn't able to signal for help or to drive himself to the hospital," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter.

As of late yesterday police were waiting to speak to the victim.

Three men were arrested just hours after the man was discovered.

Police officers checked out an address on Willowdale Drive in Cole Harbour and made the arrests, one after a brief foot chase.

The men were allegedly in possession of stolen property.

Police couldn't say when the attack took place or why the man was in the parking lot.

Palmeter said it's possible he had stopped to get some sleep as the vehicle included an area with a bed.

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Trial date to be set for dad of dead baby

The man accused in the death of his seven-week-old daughter is scheduled to have a date set for his trial today. Ashiqur Rahman, left, is scheduled to stand trial for manslaughter in the death of his daughter, Aurora Breakthrough. He will appear in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax at 9 a.m. to find out when the judge and jury trial will take place. Rahman's daughter died in hospital July 27.

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Supreme Court web-casting case

STREAMING It's a first: The Nova Scotia Supreme Court is going to broadcast a case online.

Starting Monday, the case of Neila Catherine MacQueen and others vs. the attorney generals of Canada and Nova Scotia will be streamed onto the website court.ns.ca

The plaintiffs in the case are asking for damages and remediation from the operation of the steel mill and coke ovens in Sydney.

"Web-casting these proceedings live on the Internet will enable the plaintiffs, most of whom are in Cape Breton, to view what goes on in the courtroom without having to travel to Halifax," John Piccolo, a spokesman for the Nova Scotia Judiciary, said in a release.

It's a first for this court, but not so for others. The Court of Appeal broadcast a hearing in February 2009. Also, the Howard Hyde fatality inquiry was web-cast.

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Cancer **Runners get jump on Run for the Cure**



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Steven Elliott runs on a treadmill yesterday during his lunch hour outside the Epic Marketing Solutions office on Quinpool Road. Elliott and two other employees, Chris Doucette and Darren Bourn, will be running outside on the treadmill during their lunch hour every Monday through Thursday until October's Run for the Cure to raise money for breast cancer research.

'Mechanical issues' suspected in derailment

TRAIN A mechanical problem with a freight car is the likeliest cause of a derailment on Sunday that forced the evacuation of seven families in northeastern Nova Scotia, says a spokesman for the railway company.

Peter Touesnard, vice-president of Rail America Inc., said yesterday his company has ruled out criminal activity, track conditions or the handling of the train as possible causes, and the company's investigation is "focused on mechanical issues" with a freight car.

Fourteen cars tumbled off about 300 metres of track operated by the Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Sunday, including six that were carrying either propane or butane and one car that had a residue of hydrogen peroxide. The other derailed cars were carrying paper.

Meanwhile, the company had a second derailment in Stellarton, about 30 kilometres to the west of the incident in Avondale, yesterday. Touesnard said the derailment happened at a very low speed and was not considered a serious incident.

The company's last derailment was 2½ years ago in Havre Boucher, when a mechanical problem with a box car caused several cars to derail.

The railway also had a serious derailment in April 2004, when nine cars carrying propane and butane rolled off the tracks, forcing the evacuation of two schools and several homes.

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'It could have been worse'

Crew patrols site of Porters Lake fire for hazards such as hot spots

For residents around Porters Lake, it must have felt like déjà vu.

Two years plus two days after a massive fire in the area of Porters Lake and Lake Echo forced the evacuation of 5,000 people and consumed almost 2,000 hectares of land, yet another brush fire took shape in the region Tuesday afternoon.

But unlike the 2008 fire, this out-of-control blaze in the Middle Porters Lake area was under control within several hours.

Still, officials with the province's Department of Natural Resources realize Tuesday's fire has shaken the community again and are working to put all the residents' minds at ease.

"We're working very diligently with HRM to make these people feel comfortable in their homes again," said Dave Steeves, technician, forest resources, for DNR. "This fire, for instance, we are going to be on this until we are sure it has been extinguished. We don't set a time frame for that because when it comes to fire, the situation can change minute by minute.

"We're going to be here until we are no longer needed to be here."

About 30 firefighters with DNR and Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency were on scene yesterday, doing what Steeves called "mop-up" work. He said the fire was contained and controlled, but crews were looking for hot spots and other hazards.

Thirty-four homes on the 1000 block of West Porters Lake Road were evacuated for precautionary reasons from the blaze contained to about a single hectare near Old Minesville Road.

No homes were damaged, and residents were allowed back into their homes by 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"With the weather conditions being what they were yesterday, it could have been worse," Steeves conceded. "It doesn't take much to make the situation worse when your winds (are) as high and erratic as they were yesterday."

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Breakout

- The breakout of Tuesday's fire was slightly southeast from the location of its predecessor two years ago.

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University to hold peace march

Mount Saint Vincent University will be hosting a peace conference next month. Titled Being the Change: Building a Culture of Peace, the conference will take place from July 7 to 10 and feature internationally recognized leaders in peace education, women's activism and disarmament movement. METRO HALIFAX

Take safety more seriously, report says

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LABOUR Nova Scotians are too passive in accepting workplace accidents are just a part of life, according to a report card issued by novaknowledge yesterday.

The document was prepared by the non-profit coalition to measure the cost of poor health and casual safety behaviour. There was no grade given but the report says "the results are troubling."

There were 109,384 work weeks lost in 2009 because of illness or injuries, which calculates to 2,100 people missing a full year of work.

"Illness and disability will cost Nova Scotians about $4.5 billion in 2010-11, including provincial health-care costs, Workers' Compensation assessments and health insurance premiums," said Chris Hornberger, the research lead for novaknowledge, in a release.

Study

- The report card recommended actions for government, employers, unions, the Workers' Compensation Board, and others.

News in brief

DRUG BUST RCMP in Cumberland County have intercepted a large quantity of crystal meth believed to be bound for Halifax. Northern Traffic Services made the seizure during a routine traffic stop on the Trans-Canada Highway near Oxford Police seized 30 pounds of marijuana and 65 grams of a substance believed to be crystal meth. Cpl. Darren Galley of the Colchester RCMP said the estimated street value of the marijuana is about $200,000.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

No answers on riot cause

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Corrections officials say they don't know if the stabbing of an inmate sparked Tuesday night's riot at the Central Nova Correctional Centre in Burnside.

One prisoner was stabbed in three places during a clash with two other men in a north unit common room, corrections services executive director David Horner confirmed yesterday at a news conference.

The injured prisoner was sent to hospital and released a couple of hours later. He even made a scheduled court appearance yesterday morning on another matter. But it was shortly after the stabbing that the situation broke down.



David Horner

As per usual policy, the centre went into complete lockdown after the stabbing. But a group of 17 inmates in the west unit common room refused to comply. Staff isolated the room as the inmates trashed windows, sprinklers and recreation equipment.

"I have no information at this time that would suggest there's a connection here," said Horner, referring to the earlier stabbing.

Some men covered their faces by using t-shirts and towels as masks and also used wet paper towels to cover security cameras. There were initial reports that projectile weapons were involved but Horner said he could neither confirm nor deny this.

Police were called but never entered the facility. Horner said they were there in the unlikely event someone managed to escape through the broken windows that he estimated were six inches wide.

Eventually a team of armoured guards entered the room and the prisoners returned to their cells. A little under three hours after it started, the riot was over. Horner said he did not believe there was any direct contact between the guards and prisoners and no pepper spray or batons were used.

Much of the jail remains in lockdown as police investigate and search for the weapon used in the stabbing.

Horner said it's too soon to say what criminal charges may be pending.



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A photo shows the damage to a day unit at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside after Tuesday night's riot.

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CBRM changes proposed council size

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality will submit a council of 16 members, plus a mayor, to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board following its rejection of a consultant's report Tuesday calling for the reduction of council size by four councillors. The vote produced a 11-6 vote against the report. CAPE BRETON POST

Nurse faces reprimand for vaccine use

H1N1 A Nova Scotia nurse has been reprimanded for misappropriating swine flu vaccine and immunizing his family in their home during an outbreak of the pandemic last fall.

In a decision posted on its website, the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia says Andrew Thomas Bursey was off on sick leave when he took the vaccine from his undisclosed workplace on Oct. 28, 2009, and vaccinated himself.

The decision says Bursey, a longtime nurse, also reconstituted the vaccine without proper training, administered the vaccine to his family without authorization and outside of a "qualified health-care facility."

The college's complaints commission found that Bursey's actions constituted professional misconduct and issued the reprimand on June 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Waterfront plan revealed

Bedfordites can submit their feedback on new proposal until July 7

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Bedford residents got a glimpse into one possible future for their area's waterfront last night.

The final draft of the Bedford Waterfront Design Study was unveiled to the roughly 300 people who packed into the Basinview Drive Community school's cafeteria.

It's a 112-page document outlining what could be done in the next few decades with the waterfront between the Boutilier boat yard on Shore Drive to Clearwater Seafoods on the Bedford Highway.

Doug Kolmer, a longtime Bedford resident and member of the committee which directed the study over the past few years, said it sprang from a community visioning exercise.

"What we needed was a vision of what the waterfront would look and feel like in 10, 20 or 25 years."



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This is a design created by consulting firm Ekistics on what the Bedford Waterfront could look like. The design study was presented at a public meeting in Bedford last night.

Residents will have until July 7 to get in their input before the committee sends along a recommendation to HRM council to either accept the study, reject it, or accept it with amendments.

"We want public amenities, have places for residential and commercial," Kolmer said.

"We're hoping to have a building like Alderney Gate where you have a library and a performance space. As you can tell from where we are tonight, there's a need for public meeting space that isn't a school or church basement because those are hard to get organized."

Resident Mark Ward said the Bedford waterfront is starting to get some attention.

"I think people are going to be happy with the design for carrying into the future," he said. "The big component I believe is having a second bridge over the tracks to the south jetty area. That's a crucial point there."

There's one item Ward would like to see in Bedford in a shorter term: A skateboard park with greenery and benches. He's part of a group hoping to install what he calls "a skateboard plaza" somewhere in Bedford in the next three years.

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Rona buys HRM Piercey's stores

HARDWARE Rona Inc., Canada's largest home renovation chain, is expanding its presence in Atlantic Canada with the purchase of the five Piercey's stores in HRM for an undisclosed price.

The acquisition from the Bragg Group is set to close June 21 and will give Rona another 16,650 square metres of retail space in the region.

The stores purchased are located in Halifax, Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Tantallon and Enfield.

Rona president and CEO Robert Dutton said the acquisition reflects the company's goal of becoming the industry leader in every key region of the country.

The addition of smaller "proximity" stores will increase its Atlantic floor space by 47 per cent. It will now have 12 stores in Nova Scotia, including one big-box store.

The Piercey's stores include lumberyards and one of the biggest fleets of construction materials and hardware delivery trucks in Nova Scotia.

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Homolka denied

Feds strike 11th-hour deal to head off pardon bid

Federal political parties have joined forces to ensure notorious sex killer Karla Homolka won't be pardoned for her gruesome crimes.

The four parties struck an 11th-hour deal late yesterday to hive off measures in a pardon-reform bill that would effectively ban Homolka from receiving a pardon. The measures are to be passed at all stages by the end of the day today, when the House of Commons is expected to adjourn for the summer.

The Senate, which will sit several weeks longer, must also pass the bill before it can go into effect.

Other more contentious provisions of the bill will proceed at a more leisurely pace when Parliament resumes in late September.

"My family is forced to relive the pain and horror every time that woman's name is in the news. A pardon would be unthinkable."
Talin French-Doyle, victim's relative

Homolka, who served a 12-year sentence for her role in the rape-murders of Ontario teens Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French, is eligible to apply for a pardon as of July 4.

"My family is forced to relive the pain and horror every time that woman's name is in the news. A pardon would be unthinkable," said Talin French-Doyle, one of Kristen French's relatives, in a press release.

"Forgiveness is the right of a victim, not a requirement of the State."

There is no confirmation that Homolka actually plans to apply for a pardon. But the theoretical prospect led to an ugly round of finger-pointing yesterday among the four parties over who would be held responsible if the pardon reform bill isn't passed in time to prevent a possible Homolka pardon. Public Safety Minister Vic Toews confirmed late in the day that a deal had been struck.

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Cheating wife launches privacy drive

TORONTO The woman who blames a Rogers cellphone bill for breaking up her marriage says she is launching a campaign to improve privacy protection in Ontario.

Gabriela Nagy has launched a Facebook group to help look for other frustrated customers to join her lawsuit against the telecommunications giant for what she claims was a breach of her privacy.


Nagy

"If we have no privacy, we are nothing," Nagy told a news conference yesterday.

Nagy claims a unilateral decision by Rogers to consolidate her household's bills allowed her husband to discover she was having an affair.

That, she says, led to the "destruction" of her marriage.

She is suing the telecommunications giant for $600,000, claiming invasion of privacy and breach of contract. None of the allegations have been proven in court. In a statement of defence, Rogers says it cannot be held responsible for Nagy's affair and the consequential breakup of her marriage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inspire and empower, says G(irls)20 rep

G20 Summit

ISSUES Girls from all the G20 countries are gathering in Toronto this week for the first G(irls)20 Summit to show what the world would be like if they were in charge.

The summit is part of an international campaign called 3.3 Billion Ways, which is led by The Belinda Stronach Foundation.

Metro Canada asked participants what they thought the biggest issues facing the world are.

Today, we feature Aiki Segawa, 19, from Japan.

Q What are the biggest challenges for women and girls in your country?

A Domestic violence, especially, incidents in which girls and women are violently attacked by their fathers or husbands. Because domestic violence has not been considered a serious issue until recently, many women have not been able to speak up or ask for help.

Q What do you do to help the lives of girls and women in your community, your country?

A Through the actions I take and by role-modelling. Just as I have been inspired by great figures throughout my life, I hope to inspire and empower girls and women by living life to the fullest.

Q How do you think we can improve maternal health worldwide?


Aiki Segawa, 19

A By providing education so the pregnancy rate of young girls can be reduced. Becoming pregnant at a young age results in higher risk to the mother's body and the baby, therefore it is important that girls have the knowledge of how having a baby at a young age can be a risk.

METRO CANADA

France **Deadly floods**


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A cyclist views the River Artuby in Draguignan, France, yesterday. At least 19 people were killed in flash floods that hit the back hills of the French Riviera and turned streets into rivers of surging, muddy water, officials said.

BP bows to Obama's demands, will pay out $20B for spill fund

WASHINGTON After intense negotiations, BP yesterday bowed to U.S. President Barack Obama's demand for a $20-billion US fund to compensate victims of the disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The humbled chairman of the giant British company apologized to the American people for the horrendous accident.

BP is suspending its dividends to shareholders for the rest of this year to help pay for the costs, said chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg.

Obama announced the agreement after a four-hour meeting between White House and BP officials, with the president participating for various portions.

He also announced the company had agreed to set up a separate $100-million fund to compensate oil rig workers laid off as a result of his six-month moratorium on deepwater drilling.

"The structure we are establishing today is an important step toward making the people of the Gulf Coast whole again, but it will not turn things around overnight," Obama said.

Svanberg, speaking for a company that has been assailed from every corner for the past two months, said, "I hear comments sometimes that large oil companies are — are greedy companies or don't care, but that is not the case in BP. We care about the small people."

After an initial 20-minute session at the beginning of the meeting, Obama and Svanberg met privately in the Oval Office for about 25 minutes, said White House spokesman Robert Gibbs.

The president did not meet separately with Tony Hayward, BP's outspoken CEO whom the president has suggested he would fire if he could.

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BP CEO 'personally devastated'

• BP chief executive Tony Hayward, right, says he has been "personally devastated" by the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and understands the anger Americans feel toward him and his company.



Kurds urged to ban female circumcision

IRAQ Human Rights Watch called on Kurdish authorities in northern Iraq to ban the practice of female genital mutilation, and said in a report released yesterday that the majority of women in the self-ruled region undergo the medically risky and emotionally painful procedure.

Female circumcision involves the removal of a girl's clitoris and sometimes also other genital parts, usually shortly after birth or at a young age.

Critics say it can lead to painful sexual intercourse, complications in childbirth and eliminates any pleasure for women during sex.

The procedure was performed on nearly 73 per cent of 1,408 Kurdish women and girls, aged 14 and older, who were interviewed as part of a study conducted between September 2007 and May 2008.

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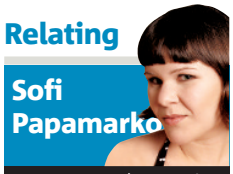
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An ode to good dads

Relating



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"Good dads will let you win until you're 12, but then they'll straight up murder you in Scrabble. Good dads don't want you to go to any trouble."

Good dads remember the rules of every card game.

Good dads make the fluffiest scrambled eggs.

Good dads never lose their patience while teaching you how to ride a bike or drive a car.

Good dads are inexplicably interested in things like "golf" and "lawn care," because if it weren't for them, who would be?

Good dads are genuinely impressive at Jeopardy.

Good dads get $12 haircuts. (I don't know how that works. Some form of special dad discount, I guess.)

Good dads know everything about politics from the '60s and '70s and would be happy to tell you about the October Crisis in detail.

Good dads don't mind when you rifle through their vinyl collections.

Good dads take the boring sections of the paper and leave you with the good stuff.

Good dads cheer you on.

Good dads have a sixth sense when it comes to the barbecuing of various meats.

Good dads bring you ginger ale when you're sick.

Good dads give you money. To see dumb movies. Starring idiots.

Good dads will pick you up from whoever's house at whatever hour and not even mention that your breath smells like a distillery.

Good dads can talk to you forever in person, but whenever you call them on the phone, they will ask if you're well and then say, "Here's your mother."

Good dads will sing the praises of the cookies you baked, even though they're burnt on the bottoms.

Good dads know where all the best toboggan hills be at.

Good dads will let you win until you're 12, but then they'll straight up murder you in Scrabble.

Good dads like Law & Order (the show and also the concept).

Good dads don't want you to go to any trouble.

Good dads are not easily grossed out. They'll gut a fish, wipe an extra-snotty nose and dispose of a catmauled bird carcass without batting an eye.

Good dads have a knack for selecting anniversary cards that make moms cry.

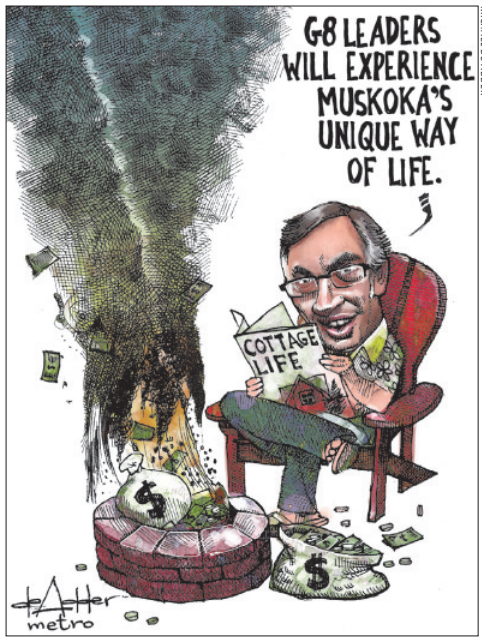
Good dads will let you go to any university you want (even though they secretly want you to attend their alma mater) to study whatever you choose (even though it's completely impractical.)

Good dads get all choked up at your graduation.

I have a really good dad.

Happy Father's Day to all of the good dads out there!

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.



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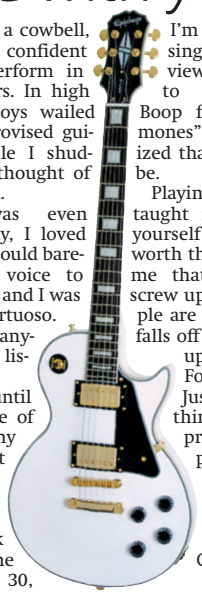
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It's OK to be loud. You deserve to take up space. Your body is powerful. You're your own worst critic.

These are the lessons I wish I'd encountered as an overly self-conscious, painfully shy tween. Instead, I learned them just a few years ago, as a fully grown woman playing in a punk band.

Ever since I was a kid, I've been attracted to musical instruments. I slowly amassed a collection that included everything from a keyboard to a cowbell, but never felt confident enough to perform in front of others. In high school, the boys wailed away on improvised guitar solos while I shuddered at the thought of being watched.

Singing was even worse. Secretly, I loved to do it, but I could barely raise my voice to speak in class, and I was certainly no virtuoso. Why would anybody want to listen?



It took me until the tender age of 27 to face my fears and get onstage, playing bass and singing in Toronto punk band The Weirdies. At 30, I'm still no opera singer — a recent reviewer asked readers to "imagine Betty Boop fronting The Ramones" — but I've realized that I don't need to be.

Playing in a band has taught me that putting yourself out there is worth the risk. It's shown me that it's alright to screw up, even when people are watching. (Guitar falls off mid-song? Pick it up and keep going. Forget the words? Just make something up.) And it's proven what I suspected all along: Being onstage feels awesome.

This is why I'm thrilled to see Girls Rock Camp (girlsrocktoronto.org) starting in Toronto. Much like groups based in Portland, Ore., (girlsrockcamp.org) and Vancouver (girlsrockcampvancouver.ca), it's a non-profit that builds self-esteem through music creation, with female musicians coaching the girls.

No musical experience is necessary and campers get the chance to play an instrument, write songs and rock out in a fully supportive environment.

If Girls Rock Camp had been around when I was younger, it probably wouldn't have taken me 27 years to get onstage. But, for the sake of the next generation of rock 'n' rollers, I'm glad it's here now.

Melinda Mattos is a Toronto-based writer, editor and co-founder of feminist teen magazine Shameless. Visit www.shamelessmag.com

Worth mentioning

U.S. doubles funds for cycling, walking projects

The Obama administration more than doubled transportation spending on bicycling and walking last year as it seeks to coax Americans out of their cars, according to a Federal Highway Administration report released yesterday.

Spending on biking and walking projects rose to $1.2 billion in 2009 from less than $600 million in 2008. Twenty years ago, the federal government was spending only $6 million a year on such projects.

The spending on biking and walking projects was scheduled to rise last year anyway, but the administration boosted it with $400 million in funds set aside under the economic recovery program.

The new focus on biking and walking represents a turnaround from the administration of former U.S. president George W. Bush. Mary Peters, transportation secretary under Bush, dismissed biking paths and trails as projects that "really are not transportation," saying they had no place in federal transportation policy.

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Quote of the Day

"On the critical area of our bill so as to prevent notorious criminals from receiving a pardon, we have an agreement. That kind of a person (Karla Homolka) would not be able to get a pardon."

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Le Chateau changing focus

Clothing retailer Le Chateau is rebranding its menswear to appeal to working professionals who want affordable quality and will launch online shopping as part of its growth strategy. The company expects to offer a 100 per cent wool suit that costs about $350. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Cost cutting has helped Bell Aliant

TELECOM The chief executive of Bell Aliant says the telecom company will reap the benefits of further cost savings this year as it rolls out new fibre optic technology.

Karen Sheriff told Aliant's annual meeting on Wednesday that new fibre optic cable will reduce maintenance and capital costs throughout the business.

The company also anticipates further savings on purchases for its operations.

Bell Aliant closed nearly a dozen small call centres in Atlantic Canada last year, shifting some of the employees to the remaining larger call centres.

Bell Aliant has been the largest phone and telecommunications company in Atlantic Canada since its predecessor was formed by the merger of several carriers in the four eastern provinces.

Last month, the Bell Aliant was given a $2-million forgivable loan by the Nova Scotia government to help bring its fibre optic technology to more than 30,000 homes in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality by the fall.

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Billionaire investor Warren Buffett, right, and Microsoft chairman Bill Gates are asking other billionaires to give up much of their fortunes.

Share the wealth

Gates, Buffet urge billionaires to donate

Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates and billionaire investor Warren Buffett are launching a campaign to get other American billionaires to give at least half their wealth to charity.

Patty Stonesifer, former CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said yesterday that Gates and Buffett have been campaigning for the past year to get others to donate the bulk of their wealth.

The friends and philanthropic colleagues are asking people to pledge to donate either during their lifetime or at their death.

On board

Four wealthy couples have already announced their pledges, including:
- Los Angeles philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad
- Gerry and Marguerite Lefest of Philadelphia
- John and Ann Doerr of Menlo Park, Calif.
- John and Tasha Mortgridge of San Jose, Calif.

The handful of billionaires approached so far have embraced the campaign, said Stonesifer, a close friend of Gates.

Gates and Buffett are calling their campaign The Giving Pledge. Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., said in a letter introducing the concept that he couldn't be happier with his decision in 2006 to give 99 per cent of his roughly $46-billion fortune to charity.

Buffett's plan will eventually split most of his shares of his Omaha, Neb., company between five charitable foundations, with the largest chunk going to the Gates Foundation.

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Dating site wants Apple lovers

INTERNET A website called Cupidtino — in homage to Apple Inc.'s home base in Cupertino, Calif. — aims to connect fans with like-minded "Machearts."

The idea is that if you love the iPhone and Mac maker's products you might be best suited to date a fellow Apple fan.

Profile pages on the site reveal such intimate details as earliest Apple product purchases and lists of favourite iPhone apps.

Cupidtino is the brainchild of Mel Sampat, a former Microsoft employee, who came up with the idea during an argument with his girlfriend over using his iPad during dinner.

Sampat told her that if they ever broke up he would date someone who liked Apple products.

The site, which was initially available in a free "beta" version but starting yesterday charges users about $5 US a month to read messages they've been sent, has snagged 16,000 Apple fanboys and fangirls since it launched in early June.

It's usable only on a Mac, iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad, naturally. And you can only sign up on a Mac or iPad.

Your browser lets Cupidtino know what operating system your computer uses, so if you try to access it on a PC it will lead you to a page that apes Apple's popular "I'm a Mac" ads and lets you know Cupidtino is off-limits from Windows.

For now, it can be tricky to find anyone near you. The site only lets you filter users by country and, in the United States, by state.

Sampat said he and two unpaid stakeholders are working on more features.

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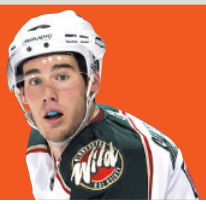
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Moosehead Dry fall to Wildcats

Dartmouth Moosehead Dry dropped a 10-5 decision to the host Kentville Wildcats in Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League play last night at Memorial Park. The Dry fell to 2-3 on the year. METRO HALIFAX

Sports



Sheppard stays

Lower Sackville's James Sheppard has re-signed with the Minnesota Wild. Sheppard, who has played three NHL seasons, accepted his one-year qualifying offer worth $803,250. METRO HALIFAX

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Friendship over business

Corbeil, Delmas still close despite logjam in Herd's crease

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It's possible that either Mathieu Corbeil, pictured, or fellow netminder Peter Delmas could be dealt from the Mooseheads before the start of next season.

The Halifax Mooseheads' goaltending logjam has hardly put a strain on the relationship between Mathieu Corbeil and Peter Delmas.

The 19-year-old Corbeil just got back to Montreal after spending much of the past month staying at Delmas' Toronto-area home, hanging out and training daily with his 20-year-old goaltending partner.

"Peter's been a really great guy," said Corbeil, whose role was reduced last season after Delmas came over in a January trade from the Quebec Remparts.

"I've been practising with him on and off the ice and I was with him practically 24/7 for three weeks. He's a really great guy and I'm happy to have him as a teammate."

Although they have forged a strong friendship over the past six months, they aren't expected to be together when the 2010-11 season starts. The arrival of 17-year-old rookie Anthony Terenzio — pegged by management as the franchise's goalie of the future — means one of the two will be traded.

Corbeil said he loves Halifax and would prefer to stay with the Mooseheads for a third season, but he's not worried about being dealt.

"Wherever I end up, whether it's in Halifax or somewhere else, my job is going to be the same, to stop pucks."
Mathieu Corbeil

"Whatever happens, happens … It's out of my control," Corbeil said. "Wherever I end up, whether it's in Halifax or somewhere else, my job is going to be the same, to stop pucks."

The six-foot-six Corbeil is on the ice in Calgary starting today for Hockey Canada's three-day camp for elite junior-aged goaltenders. He's had a good off-season already, finishing second in the dreaded VO2 max test at the NHL draft combine last month in Toronto.

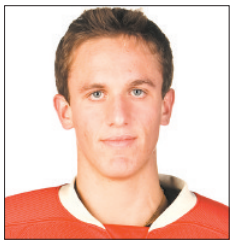
That will only help his stock on draft day. He is ranked 34th overall by Red Line Report and seventh among North American goalies by Central Scouting.

He will be in the stands at Staples Centre on draft weekend, but isn't setting his hopes too high for fear of disappointment.

"I'm going in without expectations," he said. "Wherever I come out, I'll go from there. First round or seventh round, it comes down to what you do on the ice after that."

Three's company in camp fine with Russell

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Peter Delmas

MOOSE Cam Russell is in no rush to move a goaltender.

Although the Halifax Mooseheads general manager said yesterday he wouldn't rule out dealing a stopper before training camp in August, he has no problem with having incumbents Peter Delmas and Mathieu Corbeil report to camp along with rookie Anthony Terenzio.

Terenzio, 17, is expected to be ready for QMJHL duty. That means either Delmas, 20, or Corbeil, 19, will be traded. The other will get the starting job.

"Our plan right now is to bring all three of those guys in and get a read on where everybody is and make a decision on what we're going to do," Russell said.

Delmas can be traded at any time because he is an over-ager. Corbeil can only be moved during the QMJHL trade window, which starts on Aug. 1 and runs until late that month.

The Mooseheads are completely sold on Terenzio's readiness for the Q after selecting him in the sixth round (95th overall) in the draft.

He likely wasn't picked sooner because he had NCAA options after posting a 15-2-2 record along with a 2.41 goals-against average with Shattuck-St. Mary's prep school.

"We know the kid can play," Russell said. "I think he's going to be a big part of our team for a long time."

Sports in brief

SOCCER Halifax's Amit Batra has been hired as the Acadia Axewomen's newest soccer coach. Batra has spent the past two seasons at the college level with the Mount Saint Vincent Mystics, winning national coach of the year in 2009.

BASEBALL Veteran Maritime sportscaster and journalist Pat Connolly has been named the honourary chairman for this year's Canadian senior baseball championships. The event will be held from Aug. 26 to 29 in Dartmouth and Halifax.

BASKETBALL The Premier Basketball League will host a try-out combine in Lawton-Fort Sill, Okla., on Aug. 16. Participants will become eligible for the PBL draft in August.

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Baseball boss rewards Kansas City

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says the 2012 all-star game will be played in Kansas City. The game is a reward for Jackson County voters approving a sales tax increase in 2006 to fund more than $250 million US in stadium renovations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Waterloo football players permitted to transfer schools

CIS Canadian Interuniversity Sport has permitted members of the University of Waterloo football program to transfer to new schools and participate on the field immediately.

Waterloo suspended its football program for a year in a surprise announcement Monday after tests performed on 62 players revealed nine potential anti-doping infractions.

Under normal circumstances, students transferring to new schools must sit out a year before participating in varsity athletics.

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Grand finale ready for Hollywood

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Celtics at Lakers

Even when Lamar Odom was a kid with limitless imagination growing up on New York's playground courts, he thinks he might have dismissed today's season finale as a bit too extravagant.

When the Los Angeles Lakers take on the Boston Celtics in Game 7 of the NBA finals, Odom realizes it's a fantasy come true for any basketball player with the audacity to dream this big.

"It's historic, especially when you talk about these teams and what they stand for, the pride," the Lakers forward said yesterday. "This is what you envision when you're a kid in your backyard. Counting down, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ..."

Another memorable chapter in the NBA's best rivalry will end with a coronation at Staples Center, where the defending champion Lakers will try to earn their 16th banner while denying Boston its unprecedented 18th title in the clubs' second finals meeting in three years.

For the fifth time in their 12 finals meetings, Boston and Los Angeles need all seven games to decide it.

Each previous time it went to Game 7, the Celtics won — but when the current Lakers and Celtics take the court for the NBA finals' first Game 7 since 2005 and just its second in the past 16 years, most will try awfully hard not to think about the history and pressure heaped on their shoulders.



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Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce, below, puts up a shot as Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom defends Tuesday night during the second half of Game 6 of the NBA finals. The Lakers will host the decisive Game 7 tonight at 10 p.m.

It's fine for kids and historians to savour this scenario, but Kobe Bryant knows it's not a good idea for players to get caught up in it.

"It's got nothing to do with me," said Bryant. "(When) I look back, years from now, or even when I was a kid, (if) you'd talk about being in this situation, I'd be really excited. But when I'm in the moment right now, I've got to play. I've got to focus on that. I can't focus on the hype about it."

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MLB John Buck hit his third home run of the series, Vernon Wells also went deep and Fred Lewis had four hits as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the San Diego Padres 7-1 yesterday to take two of three.

The Blue Jays had no trouble with spacious Petco Park, padding their big league-leading home run total to 103.

Buck launched a two-run shot off the balcony on the fourth floor of the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in the left-field corner in the fifth inning for a 3-1 lead. It was his 12th — he homered twice in Monday night's 6-3 win.

Wells hit his 16th homer on Kevin Correia's first pitch of the sixth, making it 5-1.

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Sports in brief

FOOTBALL Canadian Interuniversity Sport will allow members of the suspended University of Waterloo football program to transfer to another school without penalty, a decision that will contribute to the team's "death knell," according to one parent.

TENNIS Roger Federer has been seeded No. 1 for Wimbledon ahead of Rafael Nadal. Federer, a six-time Wimbledon champion, received the top seeding yesterday even though Nadal recently replaced him as No. 1 in the world rankings.

NHL The Detroit Red Wings and Todd Bertuzzi have agreed to a two-year contract. Red Wings general manager Ken Holland confirmed the deal last night. Bertuzzi had 18 goals and 44 points last season, ranking fifth on the team.

NHL Winnipeg will host an exhibition game featuring the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks and Tampa Bay Lightning, True North Sports & Entertainment Limited said yesterday. The Sept. 22 matchup will be the seventh NHL pre-season contest hosted by Winnipeg since 1997 (the Jets moved to Phoenix after the 1995-96 season), and the fourth at the MTS Centre.

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Portugal appeals Ronaldo's yellow card

Portugal has appealed against the yellow card shown to Cristiano Ronaldo against Ivory Coast. The Portuguese Football Federation said on its website yesterday it had asked FIFA to revoke the booking because "there were no grounds for the disciplinary sanction." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup

Ratings hit

Brazil's 2-1 win over North Korea averaged an audience of 1.2 million, making it CBC's highest-rated World Cup broadcast on Tuesday.

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France, Mexico to meet in high-pressure match

GROUP A PREVIEW

France vs. **Mexico**

VS

GROUP A A French team in disarray will face a Mexico lineup that is growing in confidence in a Group A match today that could be crucial in determining who progresses in the World Cup.

Mexico scored a late equalizer in the tournament's first match against South Africa, taking some of the gloss off the opening day celebrations for the host nation. France opened later last Friday with a lacklustre scoreless draw against Uruguay that didn't encourage anybody except its group rivals.

"They have their names, we have ours. But names don't play, men do," Mexico captain Gerardo Torrado said. "Nothing short of a win is good for us."

France coach Raymond Domenech tried to take the pressure of his players.

"I don't really believe in favourites much. It's always the same, as we saw this afternoon between Switzerland and Spain," Domenech said, referring to Switzerland's shocking 1-0 win against the European champion. "It's what happens on the pitch that decides things."

Domenech expects Group A to remain tight until the final games next week.

"Unless a team loses 4-0 or 5-0 — and they are finished on goal average — it will go down to the last day," he said.

Unlike last week, when France didn't train in Cape Town on the eve of the match, Domenech took his squad to Polokwane to avoid the teeming rain and muddy fields of Knysna, where the team is based.

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Slow starter

- France is usually a slow starter, having failed to win its opening match at the 2002 and '06 World Cups and at the European Championship two years ago in another scoreless draw.





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Spain's Xabi Alonso, left, and Switzerland's Gokhan Inler challenge for the ball yesterday during their World Cup Group H soccer match. The Swiss upset favoured Spain 1-0.

Feisty Swiss rein in Spain

Tournament favourites held scoreless

GROUP H RESULTS

Switzerland 1 **Spain** 0

VS

The World Cup needed a jolt. Switzerland provided it.

Gelson Fernandes scored on a rare Swiss attack, giving his team a stunning 1-0 upset yesterday over European champion and tournament favourite Spain.

The loss ended Spain's run of 12 straight wins and handed the Spanish just their second loss in 50 games — the other was to the United States at the Confederations Cup in South Africa last year.

It also provided a thrill at a tournament that has seen few surprises and just 25 goals after the first game for all 32 teams.

"To be fair, I'm not used to scoring goals, so I was a bit surprised," said Fernandes, who got just his second in international play. "It was a bit of luck."

And tenacity. Eren Derdiyok created Switzerland's big chance in the 52nd minute by surging through the centre of Spain's defence and rounding Iker Casillas. Gerard Pique's desperate tackle stopped Derdiyok, but Fernandes pounced on the loose ball and forced it into the net.

"It's just a special moment," he said.

Spain badly outshot the Swiss and held the ball 63 per cent of the time, but could find no way through Switzerland's determined defence.

"Today wasn't our day," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "We have two games ahead of us. We have to find a way to win them."

It won't be easy. Well-regarded Chile beat Honduras 1-0 in the other Group H opener yesterday.

The win was Switzerland's first over Spain.

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South Africa faces elimination after loss

GROUP F RESULTS

Uruguay 3 **South Africa** 0

VS

South African fans blew their vuvuzelas long and loud, hoping to bring their team luck in the World Cup.

Uruguay's Diego Forlan had other ideas and brought the party to a crashing halt, scoring two goals in a 3-0 victory yesterday that pushed the hosts closer to exiting the first World Cup staged in Africa. That would be a first for a host country in the tournament.

While Forlan greatly improved Uruguay's chances of making the second round, Bafana Bafana almost certainly must beat France in its next game to stay alive.

If South Africa doesn't advance, "obviously all the expectations of the nation will be frustrated," coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said. "This game was vital for us to at least get a draw."

Forlan scored on a deflected 25-yard shot in the 24th minute, then converted a penalty kick in the 80th minute for a commanding lead.

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Sports in brief

TAPE DELAY North Koreans finally got a glimpse of their football team against Brazil, 17 hours after the World Cup match kicked off in South Africa. The game took place in the middle of the night North Korea time, but state-run Korean Central Broadcasting aired the match last night.

STRIKE FIFA and South Africa's World Cup organizers went on the defensive yesterday about security issues at five World Cup stadiums caused by a stewards' strike over low pay. The spokesmen for FIFA and the organizing committee declined to address the problems at their daily news briefing, referring all questions to police.

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SCOREBOARD

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Uruguay	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Mexico	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Uruguay 3 South Africa 0
TODAY'S GAME
Mexico vs. France, 3:30 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
South Korea	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Argentina	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Nigeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

TODAY'S GAMES
Argentina vs. South Korea, 8:30 a.m.
Nigeria vs. Greece, 11 a.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
United States	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Algeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

FRIDAY'S GAMES
United States vs. Slovenia, 11 a.m.
England vs. Algeria, 3:30 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Australia	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

FRIDAY'S GAME
Germany vs. Serbia, 8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY'S GAME
Australia vs. Ghana, 11 a.m.

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Japan	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Cameroon	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Netherlands vs. Japan, 8:30 a.m.
Denmark vs. Cameroon, 3:30 p.m.

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
New Zealand	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Paraguay	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

SUNDAY GAMES
Paraguay vs. Slovakia, 8:30 a.m.
Italy vs. New Zealand, 11 a.m.

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Ivory Coast	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
North Korea	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

SUNDAY GAME
Brazil vs. Ivory Coast, 3:30 p.m.

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chile	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
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Honduras	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Spain	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

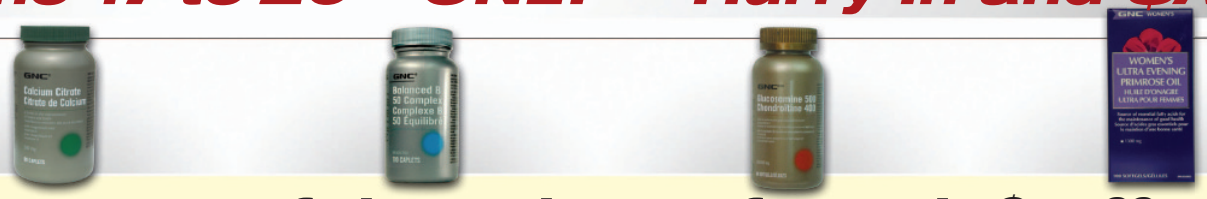
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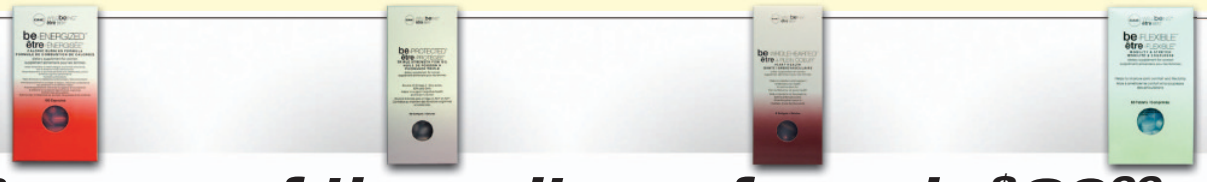
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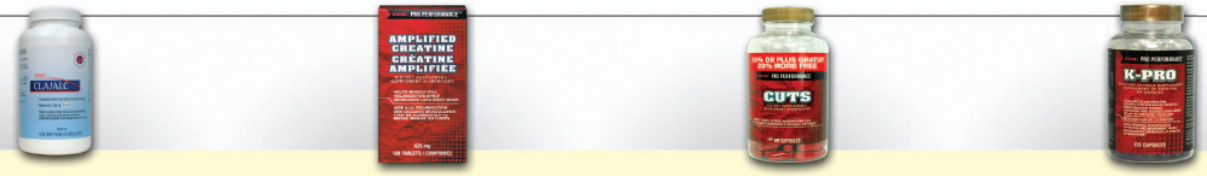
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Cork flooring isn't the bulletin-board orangey cork from the 1970's; it's very stylish with many stain/colour options. When stained a dark colour, cork takes on the look of burled wood making it attractive for almost any room. I especially like using it in casual kitchens, bedroom and play rooms as its got great sound absorption and comfort underfoot. Look for it in many of the new model homes as designers are loving the look and incredible value.

PRICE: $7 PER SQUARE FOOT.

Leather Flooring

Leather floors have only recently become affordable. They use to be available exclusively through designers and would cost upwards of $120 per square foot. Now eco-luxury leather floors are made with leftover leather used in the manufacturing of purses, belts and coats which makes it not only affordable, but also a eco-friendly choice in the luxury floor arena. The leather is bonded and then stained in beautiful coloures and sometimes stamped to resemble various reptile/animal skins. Its most suitable for places like dens, library rooms, wine tasting cellars and bedroom.

PRICE: $11 PER SQUARE FOOT.





There are many option for renewing your flooring including cork, top, or laminate, bottom.

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Jagger's celebration bag
Jade Jagger has designed an exclusive bag that celebrates 50 years of fashion and music culture in Carnaby Street, the iconic London hot-spot for fashion and music fusion. All net proceeds will go to support the Environmental Justice Foundation. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Style



Esprit's famous faces

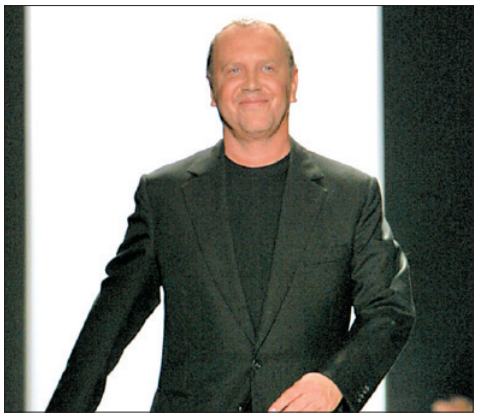
Following on the success of its current spring/summer campaign with Daisy Lowe and Julia Restoin-Roitfeld, Esprit is once again turning to icons from the international fashion scene for autumn/winter. Top models Anne Vyalitsyna and Missy Rayder are the faces of Esprit Casual while Canada's supermodel sweetheart Coco Rocha (pictured left) will be featured in the Esprit Collection. The images are set to launch in August. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Three decades and ready for more

Award-winner Kors is still anxious to explore

Twenty-nine years is a lifetime in fashion, yet Michael Kors' enduring youthfulness makes his two lifetime achievement awards this month seem a little surreal.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Michael Kors, right, says fashion designers need to be students of different places and cultures if they want to stay relevant.

At 50, Kors is still the guy who bounces down the runway with a bona fide grin on his face. He's the one who calls his mom his muse, the one who likes to do red carpets, the one who gabs it up with customers at trunk shows.

Most of all, he's the guy who still loves what he's doing, and he has no intention of calling it a "lifetime."

"In another 30 years, I don't know what they'll call it," he says, "'a second lifetime achievement?"'

Kors first sold his signature uptown look to Bergdorf Goodman while he was dressing windows at the former midtown boutique Lothar's. Now the Long Island, N.Y., native keeps company with socialites and stars, and became a celebrity himself on Project Runway with Heidi Klum and Nina Garcia.

His clothes aren't fussy, and he values function so the pea coats, slinky cocktail frocks, wide-leg trousers and cosy cashmere also work for those without boldface names. (Kors has a second, less expensive line called Michael Michael Kors).

He favours the colour camel, offset by crisp white and jet black. And, in Kors' world, anyone and everyone wears aviator sunglasses.

Kors has created for himself and his fans a wardrobe that implies an appreciation for crisp classics — and a hefty frequent-flyer balance. It's "luxurious but low key and laid back," he says.

He's drawn inspiration from Italy's Amalfi Coast, Palm Beach, Calif., and the chicest ski resorts in the Alps, the Greek islands, Hawaii and St. Bart's. It was announced this week that the largest Kors retail store will open next year in Paris, so surely there'll be a little French flair in an upcoming collection.

But there are still other places to explore. "I have never been to Australia and I am doing a huge Australia trip at the end of the year. I'm going to Morocco for the first time — and not because of Sex and the City. ... I've never been to Shanghai, and I'd like to go to Peru. I have a Peru fantasy," he says.

Fashion designers need to be students of different places and cultures if they're going to stay relevant and hit the right trends, he adds.

"If you're a modern designer and involved in dressing people for real life, not costumes, the simple truth is fashion is about the zeitgeist."

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Klein arrested in L.A.

Actor Chris Klein has been arrested in Los Angeles on suspicion of drunken driving. The California Highway Patrol says in a release that the 31-year-old American Pie and Election star was pulled over early yesterday in the San Fernando Valley. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment



The Captains

William Shatner will be firmly in charge of the captain's log when he helms an upcoming feature-length documentary about his storied life, which is to be called The Captains.
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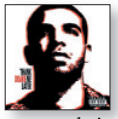
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A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Canada's great hip-hop hope

Drake

Album: Thank Me Later
Label: Cash Money /Motown/Universal
Rating:



TORONTO'S DRAKE IS Canada's great hope for hip-hop credibility. As a singer and rapper, he's got the goods to keep Thank Me Later fresh, eschewing hip-hop's trite stereotypes in favour of self-examination, be it his inability to find love or enjoy the success he's already found. But unlike other rappers, like Kid Cudi or B.o.B., Drake only has one setting: Chilled and introspective. He wears it well, but when you've got Nicky Minaj, Jay-Z and Weezy on your debut, it's hard not to be a bit disappointed by this wet blanket. Nevertheless, Thank Me Later should still succeed where other Can-rappers didn't.
Cam Lindsay /for Metro Canada

Robyn

Album: Body Talk Pt. 1
Label: Interscope /Universal
Rating:

NO ONE'S CAREER has gone through more incarnations than Robyn's. The U.K. pop star started off as a sappy singer when she was 16, became an electro indie act eight years later, and now she's trying her hand and minimalist pop. Luckily for her, whatever she does is pretty good (well, maybe not the early stuff). Her latest is part one of a trilogy and sees the Swedish vocalist sing over aggressive keyboard beats and weird electro blips. Her melodies are as catchy as any mainstream singer, but the presentation is better suited for a dark club than an arena.
Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Album Reviews

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Thank Me Later, the debut album from Drake, features guests Nicky Minaj, Jay-Z and Weezy.

IF THIS WAS anyone but Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, MOJO would be labelled "early '70s derivative." Petty and company return to their pre-Damned-the-Torpedoes roots. You can hear the Allman-Brothers in the rolling double guitar of First Flash of Freedom, J.J. Cale in the Oakie shuffle of Candy, and the howling boogie of Paul Butterfield on Jefferson Jericho Blues (a tongue-in-cheek ode to Thomas Jefferson's slave/lover Sally Hemings). Petty is getting sentimental as he steps into his twilight years. And why not? It gives him a chance to stretch out and showcase the talents of his remarkable band.
Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers

Album: MOJO
Label: Warner
Rating:

Sarah McLachlan

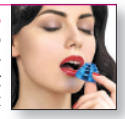
Album: Laws of Illusion
Label: Nettwerk Music
Rating:



IT'S EASY TO understand why a guy (especially a drummer) would want to marry a woman like Sarah McLachlan. But once married (Ashwin Sood), it's probably a good idea to stay married. Otherwise, you're going to end up being the subject of your ex's next album. Our Sarah is nothing, if not an emoter. And that wonderfully elasticized voice über-oozes emotion all over tracks like Illusions of Bliss, Rivers of Love, Heartbreak (actually, the most light-hearted tune on the CD), Love Come, Awakenings and Don't Give Up On Us. I've missed a couple of tracks here, but you've probably got the picture. McLachlan fans are going to love it. When the gush gets too much, it's easy to settle into the exquisite production work of Pierre Marchand and the superb, multi-layered guitars supplied by Luke Doucet, Bill Dillon and Colin Cripps.
Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Devo

Album: Something for Everybody
Label: Warner
Rating:



THIRTY YEARS AGO, Devo was considered cutting edge, if not subversive. Here, however, the artistes from Akron sound like just another '80s synth-pop band with a nerdish sense of humour. Once Mark Mothersbaugh and Gerald Casal had unleashed their wonderfully bizarre "Devolution" theory on the cultural landscape, there were few places for them to go. Let's face it, Devo was a single-joke band. This re-union album is just an excuse to squeeze into the coveralls and revisit their youth.
Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Gaslight Anthem

Album: American Slang
Label: SideOneDummy
Rating:



IT'S ALMOST A cliché by now — punk band turns into Springsteen-approved rockers. Gaslight Anthem is the latest to trade in their aggressive riffs for Hold Steady-like dad rock, and while they do a decent job, it's getting hard to get excited about this type of rock. American Slang is a good song — while it leans more toward working man rock than the old stuff, they manage to barrel through the song at a decent clip, but others are too earnest for their own good.
Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada



Stars look to Twilight's end

MOVIES The stars of Twilight are already looking forward to their vampire franchise's final two instalments.

Author Stephenie Meyer's fourth and final book Breaking Dawn is splitting into two parts, and while scripts are still being written, star Kristen Stewart says she knows exactly where the fourth movie should end: With Bella having just given birth and Edward being forced to change her into a vampire to save her life.

"I feel like it's so obvious where you break it up. It's as soon as she turns," Stewart told AP Television at a weekend publicity event for the third Twilight film, Eclipse, opening June 30. "Gosh, you open your eyes to this different world, right? That would be amazing."

Stewart said she's looking forward to her character's development in the final two films, the first of which is set for release Nov. 18, 2011.
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Shakira performs at the World Cup opening ceremony in South Africa.

Singers strike goal

World Cup tunes add to soccer fever

Never mind who wins on the field. There's another, more melodic, World Cup battle afoot — on the music charts, in the stands and blaring from radios and mobile phones around the world.

As 32 teams compete in South Africa for soccer's highest prize, a musical outpouring by artists and supporters from London to Berlin to Seoul is urging their teams to victory — or, in England's case, begging them not to disappoint the fans again.

England's vast number of patriotic soccer anthems stand in contrast to its meagre success in international competition. It hasn't won the World Cup since 1966, and the fans won't let the players forget it.

On the Simon Cowell-produced song Shout for England — currently No. 1 in the British singles chart — rapper Dizzee Rascal implores players to "set aside your ego/We're tired of bragging about 40-odd years ago."

On the web

- Watch the videos for World Cup-themed songs at metronews.ca/entertainment

Music is a vital part of soccer, whether it's the pop songs advertisers use to sell running shoes and soft drinks or the tunes downloaded by soccer supporters around the world, or the chants and anthems bellowed by fans.

Trevor Watts, 35, an AV technician and soccer fan from Bracknell in southern England, said songs are an integral part of the World Cup experience. "It is what the fans can take part in," said Watts.

Alongside the fans, big businesses and a host of major recording artists are also seeking a bit of World Cup magic.

Tournament organizer FIFA has named both an official tournament song, Colombian singer Shakira's Waka Waka (This Time for Africa), and an official anthem, R. Kelly's Sign of a Victory.

Coca-Cola has chosen Somali-Canadian rapper K'Naan's Wavin' Flag as the song to capture the joyous sense of community at the event — and sell some soda.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Finding the Reason to 'Never Start'

With one of the highest provincial smoking rates in Canada, The Lung Association of Nova Scotia (LANS) is expanding their focus from kicking the habit to never starting. Smoking continues to be the leading cause of lung disease and as smoking rates have not decreased since 2004, it is evident there is a need for a more innovative approach to create positive change.

LANS has already undertaken a new campaign that is youth-focused. "It is unreasonable to assume that by exhausting all of our efforts on cessation, we will be able to dramatically cut our smoking rates and subsequently reduce lung disease. It's time we creatively focus on the youth and prevention," says Louis Brill, President and CEO of LANS.

Brill and his team learned that kids don't want to be told what to do; rather, they're looking to create and then lead change. "We have an opportunity to provide them with the tools and vehicles for success. Not to mention stay up-to date with new social media fads," says Brill.

The Lung Association's first effort was a Youtube contest that embodied the 'Never Start' message. Students were empowered to create the guidelines of a campaign that focused on the positive aspect of never starting to smoke. LANS provided the students with a platform to craft their own YouTube message, while incorporating the 'Never Start' theme. The students created some extraordinary videos, resulting in thousands of Youtube hits from their peers.

Brill goes on to discuss how kids need to 'find the reason' to never start smoking, which carries over into a lot of quit campaigns. "At this point, I have to ask my team; are we successful if we decrease the number of smokers, or increase the number of kids who never start?"

Every time one student hits a LANS video on Youtube, Nova Scotia is one step closer to encouraging kids to do the right thing- and that is to never start.

Meet us at the Family Expo: June 19th and 20th!

'Stroke of luck'

Phil Collins remains humble in light of Songwriters award

Even though he has written songs that have become etched into pop culture, from Against All Odds to In the Air Tonight, Phil Collins insists he has no special formula for writing a hit.

"It's all a stroke of luck, it's a complete accident," he said in an interview this week. "I've never purposely crafted a song to be a hit my life."

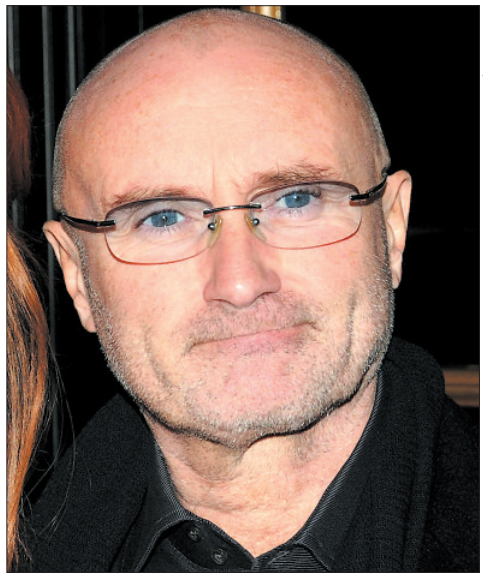
But luck rarely strikes so often. So, tonight, the Songwriters Hall of Fame will give the former Genesis frontman its highest honour, the Johnny Mercer Award, during ceremonies in New York City.

It's the second major honour this year for the 59-year-old Collins; in March, Genesis was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Collins has already been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, but getting this special honour was such a shock, he didn't quite believe it. When he got the email, he called his manager and asked if he would be presenting the award instead.

"That's something that I never thought I'd be qualified to get; I still don't think I'm qualified to get," he said.

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In this file photo, musician Phil Collins attends the premiere of The Blind Side in New York. Tonight, Collins will be given top honours for his songwriting career.

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100 Questions
Charlotte (Sophie Winkleman) dates a guy who becomes obsessed with her, going so far as to have her face tattooed on his chest. To get her out of this crazy relationship, Charlotte's friends hatch a nutty scheme that involves pretending that Mike (Christopher Moynihan) has died. Smith Cho, Collette Wolfe and David Walton also star in the new episode "Have You Ever Dated a Bad Boy?" 9:30 PM on NBC



The Mentalist
Lisbon and Jane (Robin Tunney, Simon Baker) and the rest of the CBI team tackle a Halloween-worthy case when a wealthy man dies, and witnesses claim he was killed by a ghost haunting his mansion. 8 PM on CJCH

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
The two crimes — the rape and beating of a young man in an alley and the shooting of an electronics store's owner during an apparent robbery — couldn't be more different. As the CSIs investigate, however, they discover both crimes are part of someone's twisted revenge plot. Cody Kasch ("Desperate Housewives") guest stars in "Death and the Maiden." 10 PM on CBS

Get some tasty fresh veggies
The Local Freshness Farmers' Market is now open at Dartmouth Crossing. The open-air market operates on Fridays until October from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and features fresh meat, seafood, baked goods, and fruit and veggies. VALERIE MANSOUR/FOR METRO HALIFAX

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Signature Drink: Arabic Coffee

We visit Mezza to take advantage of their $25 Movie and Dinner special.

There are choices of two courses — appetizer and an entrée, or an entrée and dessert. We forgo dessert and choose two appetizers — the requisite Lebanese hummus which is tangy and delicious, and Laham B'Agein, two turnovers stuffed with ground beef, pine nuts and onions with a hint of lemon.

The Kafta Kebab entrée is excellent — a skewer of minced local lamb, mixed with herbs. I choose rice as my side dish, cooked with tiny vermicelli noodles. My pal enjoys the Beef Kebab- tender chunks of sirloin marinated in garlic and spices. As an accompaniment, he has lemony roasted potatoes.

Both dishes are served with Fatouch, a colourful salad of Romaine lettuce, parsley, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, bell peppers, radish, and bits of crispy pita bread — all tossed with a dressing of lemon, mint and olive oil.

With our meal we sip a glass of Lebanon's lovely red wine, Kasara ($8.50 —not included in the special) and then head out to the movie theatre just a minute away.

On the web

- Get recipes and more great food content at metronews.ca/recipes.



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Clockwise from top: Beef Kebab, Lebanese hummus, Laham B'Agein.

Dining out

HAMACHI GLOBAL CATERING
The Hamachi Group of Restaurants has launched "Hamachi Global Catering," a full-service catering company offering unique cuisines from around the world, including Thai, Greek and Japanese. Call 406-7737 or visit hamachicatering.com.

FINBAR'S SAYS THANKS
Finbar's Irish Pub, 1595 Bedford Highway, is throwing a party to thank its regular customers for their loyalty on June 27 with live entertainment and door prizes. Call 832-9170 for information or visit finbars.ca. VALERIE MANSOUR/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of Waldorf Salad + Blue Cheese.



In brief

CUIDE The 2010 Taste of Nova Scotia Cilinary Guide is now available at Taste of Nova Scotia member restaurants, shops, and wineries and breweries; tourism information centres; select NSLC outlets; and festivals throughout the province. VALERIE MANSOUR/FOR METRO HALIFAX

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Jackson brother hospitalized

Randy Jackson, brother of the late pop legend Michael Jackson, was hospitalized Tuesday in Southern California. Jackson, 48, experienced chest pains around noon on Tuesday and was taken to Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Brian Austin Green flubs *Foxy* proposal

AND THUS RECONFIRMS WHY DAVID SILVER NEVER, EVER GOT THE HOT CHICK While vacationing in Hawaii, Brian Austin Green reportedly proposed to girlfriend Megan Fox, but the celebration didn't last too long since the ring slid off and got lost in the sand, according to Us Weekly. "I saw her jumping up and down," a witness says of the oceanside proposal. "Later, I saw a half-dozen staff sifting through the sand." The couple reportedly picked out the two-carat diamond ring together in Beverly Hills. "Security and maintenance staff spent a couple of hours looking for it," a source says. "No one found it."

The pair has been together since 2004, and this is not the first time Green has proposed to the blue-eyed stunner: The two were previously engaged from 2006-2009, but split early last year.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Sheridan amends ABC abuse claim

***DESPERATE* FOR THAT CASH** Nicolette Sheridan still stands behind her lawsuit against Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry and the show's network, ABC, but she's now amended her claim, according to Reuters.

Sheridan now alleges that representatives for the network investigated her claim that Cherry physically abused her on the set of the show and told her it was only a "light tap on the side of the head for the sole purpose of providing direction for a scene they were rehearsing."

Sheridan is seeking $20 million for wrongful termination, assault and discrimination after she was let go from the popular series in 2008.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

NEIL PATRICK HARRIS gets lavish birthday gifts, **LINDSAY LOHAN** has one thing on her mind, **NICOLE "SNOOKI" POLIZZI** isn't dating your childhood idol, and **RUSSELL BRAND** tries to put a positive spin on things.

@ActuallyNPH The CBS gang got me perhaps the coolest gift ever - the actual Immunity Idol from Survivor: China! @lindsaylohan Lakers Lakers Lakers!!

@Sn0oki @jordanknight so I'm in the cab and see a headline of us dating LOL! The things twitter does! U know I got all love for you J-rock :)

@rustyrockets I think Vuvezelas sound nice; like having bees arguing with kazoos in my mind.



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Special Communities. Super Celebrations.

Congratulations to three communities as the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, presents the **Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award** this summer during celebrations in:

Portland Estates and Hills, Dartmouth – Sunday, June 20, 2 p.m.
Party in the Birches Park
Intersection of Portland Estates Blvd. & Portland Hills Dr.

Canso & Eastern Guysborough County – Saturday, August 14, Noon
125th Anniversary Celebrations of Canso Regatta
Canso Academy

Sable River - Saturday, August 21, 2 p.m.
Spirit Award Celebration
Sable River United Baptist Church

These three communities were selected for their unique strengths and high degree of pride and citizen participation – assets that make Nova Scotia a better place in which to live, work and play.

For details on these communities and how to participate in the 2011 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Awards, visit **www.communityspiritaward.ca**.

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Beyonce puts a kibosh on it

THEREBY SENDING THE YOUTUBE COMMUNITY INTO PAROXYSMS OF GRIEF Though the dance moves have become iconic, inspiring versions by Liza Minelli, Joe Jonas and countless others, Beyonce Knowles is reportedly retiring Single Ladies, according to Popcrunch. "Beyonce loves the fact the video and the routine have been so huge and has really enjoyed performing Single Ladies live, but that's it now. She's moving on," a source says. "She doesn't want to be part of a long-term joke. That's not to say she doesn't get a big kick out of watching other people do it."



METRO WORLD NEWS

No funeral for Coleman

LET THE MAN REST IN PEACE ALREADY! The independent attorney appointed to oversee the property and cremation of late actor Gary Coleman said yesterday there will be no funeral services for the former child TV star.

A Utah judge on Monday named Robert Jeffs the special administrator of Coleman's estate.

Jeffs said yesterday that Coleman's 2005 will specifies that there should be no funeral services.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kruger's marriage philosophy

MOVE OVER, NIETZSCHE Diane Kruger has been happily dating Fringe star Joshua Jackson since 2006, but don't expect them to walk down the aisle anytime soon. "I'm not religious, so that aspect of it means nothing," the German actress tells Allure magazine. "Don't get me wrong — I believe in commitment. But out of experience, I know if that goes away, no paper you have signed will keep you around."

Kruger was previously married to French actor Guillaume Canet from 2001-2005.

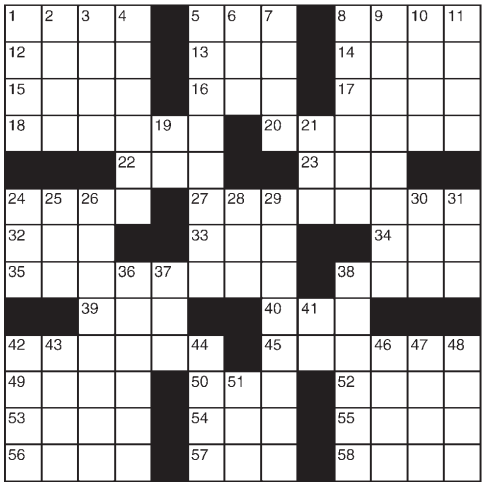


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Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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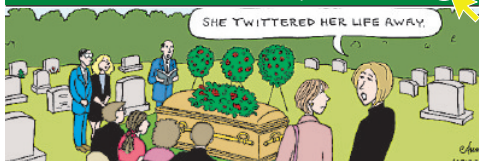
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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Iron Skillet Shrimp with Lemon Chili Butter

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES
INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup quartered cherry tomatoes
1/4 cup unsalted butter
2 tsp seeded and finely chopped jalapeño pepper
2 tsp finely chopped garlic
1 tsp lemon zest
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp kosher salt
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
3 tbsp olive oil
1 lb large shrimp (21–30 per pound), peeled, deveined and dried on paper towels
2 tbsp chopped parsley
1 loaf country white bread or focaccia, sliced and toasted

METHOD:

1. In the small bowl of a food processor, combine butter, jalapeno, garlic, lemon zest and juice, 1/4 tsp salt and pepper; process until well blended. Slowly add 2 tablespoons of oil and continue to process until smooth. Transfer to a small bowl and place in freezer until firm, about 5 minutes.
2. Toss shrimp in oil and salt. Heat over high heat until it begins to smoke. Add shrimp in a single layer and cook, turning once, until they are opaque in the centre and pink in colour, about 2 minutes per side. Add tomatoes and stir briefly. Remove skillet from heat, add butter and shake pan it has melted. Add parsley, stir and transfer skillet directly to table.

SERVES 4

• *You can also serve this recipe with Tomato Basil Salad. Find the recipe at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You have been running around so much lately that various people seem to think you have forgotten about them.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will look back today and realize just how silly it was to get annoyed about things which, in the greater scheme of things, are of no real importance.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The Sun will be leaving your sign in a matter of days, so get cracking on all those things you have been promising to do but never quite got around to.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will be counting your blessings today, which will increase dramatically early next week when the Sun moves into your sign.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Anyone who tries to take liberties is going to be in for a shock. You won't take nonsense from anyone today.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The last few weeks may not have been easy but adverse events have toughened you up and made you believe that you can handle anything.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
As the Sun approaches the midheaven angle of your chart over the next few days you will get the chance to prove yourself to those in power.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have been somewhat suspicious of late but when the Sun moves in your favor on the 21st your attitude will become a lot more positive.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It would appear that you are no longer willing to give someone the benefit of the doubt when they mess things up.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
In a matter of days the Sun will move into your opposite sign, making this the ideal time to look back over the first half of the year.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Like it or not you will have to pace yourself over the next few weeks. You have pushed your boundaries to their limits, physically and emotionally.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Life has been rather demanding of late, but in a matter of days you will find it easier to please yourself for a change.

This day in history

1885: The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor.
1944: Iceland declares independence from Denmark and becomes a republic.
1958: The Wooden Roller Coaster at Playland, which is in the Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver opens. It is still open today.
1972: Watergate scandal: five White House operatives are arrested for burglarizing the offices of the Democratic National Committee, in an attempt by some members of the Republican party to illegally wiretap the opposition.

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